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Nailed by a call

Thief's call to his aunt becomes his undoing

- Youth arrested for robbing accident victim on Ring Road
- Mystery shrouds company car driver's death in accident

The body of Nagaraju, seen lying on M-sand in front of his car, on service road of Outer Ring Road near Unnathi Nagar.

Mysuru, June 6 (GA&BS)- A Police investigation into the mysterious death of a 48-year-old man has uncovered a shocking case of theft, with a youth allegedly stealing the victim's belongings after finding him critically injured near his crashed car.

Mujahid Khan

N.R. Police have arrested 24-year-old Mujahid Khan, a resident of Kalyangiri, in connection with the theft. He has been remanded to judicial custody. The breakthrough came after investigators used Call Detail Records (CDR) technology to trace the missing mobile phone of the deceased, leading them to the accused.

Accident and suspicion

The deceased, H. Nagaraju, a resident of Bhyraveshwar Nagar in Hebbal, was employed as a driver with 'Star Mark Software Company'.

In the early hours of June 2, the car he was driving crashed into a pile of M-sand dumped on a service road near the Outer Ring Road at Unnati Nagar.

(See NAILED BY A CALL on page 10)

MDA Comr. K.R. Rakshith to be Minister Dr. Yathindra's Personal Secy?

Night activity at MDA was to clear pending files before Rakshith takes over new role: Sources

Mysuru, June 6 (BCT)- The Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) office witnessed unusual late-night activity on June 4, with staff working well past midnight to prepare documents ahead of an administrative board meeting scheduled for Friday. MDA Chairman and DC G. Lakshmikanth Reddy clarified that the urgency was due to the need to compile and complete records in time for the meeting, which necessitated extended working hours.

Dr. Yathindra

Rakshith

However, sources in the Government have offered a different account, claiming that MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith was at the centre of activity during the night and was also reportedly appointed as Personal Secretary to newly-appointed Urban Development Minister Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, son of former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

(See MDA COMR. on page 10)

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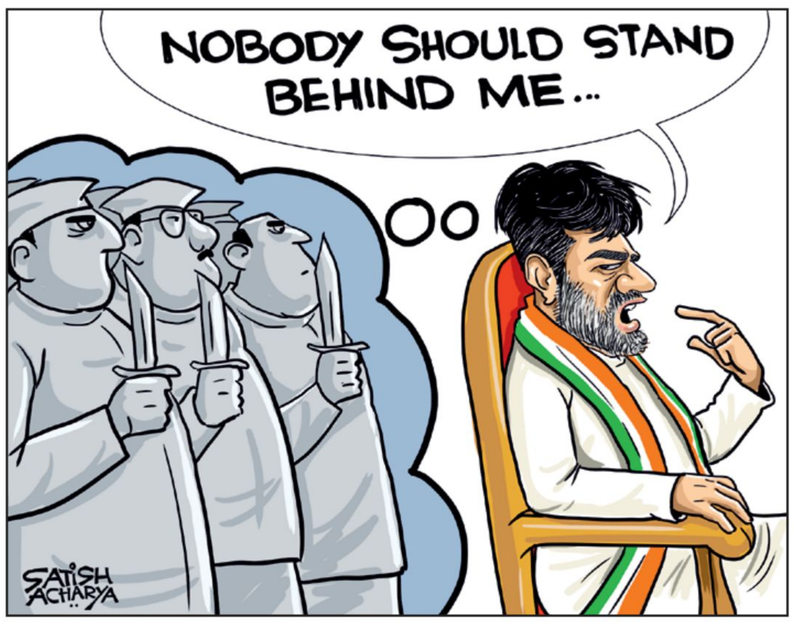
By Satish Acharya



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

DHARMA REMAINS A MYSTERY: ***It is difficult to understand*** *dharma,* ***said Navalpakkam Vasudevachariar in a discourse. The meaning of*** *dharma* ***remains hidden. We can understand*** *dharma* ***only partly, not all of it. Just take the rule that we must speak the truth always —*** *satyam vada.* ***Is it always practical? Is it wise to always speak the truth? What if, because of our honesty, we hurt someone? In such circumstances, wouldn't a lie be better? Is it wrong to utter a lie to save a life? If a man is chased by someone who wants to murder him and the villain asks you in which direction the man is running, would it be ethical to reveal the truth to the man with murderous intentions? Will it not lead to a man losing his life? In this case, it would be wrong to be truthful. Even Sita, who had such high ideals in life, had to lie. The occasion was the visit of Hanuman. Hanuman had met Sita with his reassuring message and had departed. The demonesses guarding Sita were curious about the monkey. They asked Sita whether she knew the monkey that had been there. Sita replied wisely that she didn't know who that monkey was.**

In Ravana's rajya, the demons assumed different forms. So, the monkey could be some demon, said Sita and added that She too was frightened of that mighty monkey. If Sita had revealed the identity of Hanuman, there might have been more trouble for her. Besides, what purpose would be served by being open about Hanuman's identity? When a truth serves no purpose, but a lie can protect us, isn't it better to conceal the truth? So even in the matter of just one command relating to telling the truth, there can be so many deviations. Likewise, there can be deviations from other rules too and these deviations too might not be *adharmic.* ***That is why*** *dharma* ***remains a mystery and is not easily understood.*** *— In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Pet dog's ashes in eyeliner tattoo ink

UK: A UK woman found an unusual way of keeping her late pet dog close to her — by having his ashes mixed in with her semi-permanent eyeliner.

Claire Hobson, a permanent makeup artist from the UK, lost her beloved dog Patch after 20 years together and decided that she wasn't ready to let him go. Instead of just taking his ashes with her everywhere she went, she decided to have his ashes mixed in with her semi-permanent eyeliner — so he could still see the world through her eyes.

"I was about to go to Dubai to move there. I was living between countries and I thought, 'I don't want to put his ashes in a suitcase,'" Claire said. "I thought, 'Oh, I'm getting my eyeliner tattooed and I'm sure people have their loved ones tattooed into body tattoos, so why not just have it in my eyeliner?'"

World's largest blanket fort constructed

Las Vegas: A blanket fort designed by Nevada high school students officially broke a Guinness World Record when it was confirmed to cover an area of 14,103 square feet.

Clark County announced the fort, designed by students from West Career & Technical Academy, was constructed at the Desert Breeze Community Centre with help from local volunteers and sponsors including Las Vegas Grand Prix, Atlas Crane, Foster Kinship and Leverage LV.

"This project was about much more than breaking a world record," Clark County Commissioner Justin Jones said in a news release. "It was about bringing the community together, creating unforgettable memories for foster and kinship families, and raising awareness for the needs of children and caregivers in foster care."

An official Guinness World Records adjudicator was on hand to confirm the structure was large enough to break the record for the largest blanket fort at 14,103 square feet.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Know the Signs of Stroke

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By Dr. Maqsood Ahmed - Senior Consultant
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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

Staging of comedy thriller play *'Thatte Idli Raddhanta'* tomorrow

Mysuru, June 6- The Rangavalli troupe, Mysuru, in association with the Directorate of Kannada and Culture, Bengaluru, will be staging the detective comedy play *'Thatte Idli Raddhanta'* at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises here tomorrow (June 7) at 7 pm.

About the Play: A father believes that if he divides his property, his children won't feed him in his final days.

Meanwhile, the children lament that the old man isn't dividing the property despite their financial hardships. Co-sisters who fight one moment, reconcile the very next moment. Amidst all this, the old man dies of poisoning. Who poisoned the old man?

Cast and Crew: Written and directed by senior Rangayana artiste Mayasandra Krishnaprasad, the play has lighting design by Madhu Ninasam, stage design by H.K. Dwarakanath and background music by Udit Haritas.

Tickets are priced at Rs. 100. For details, contact Mob: 99016-26701 or 98867-11381

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- ***The Mariana Trench is the deepest oceanic trench on Earth, located in the Western Pacific Ocean just east of the Mariana Islands. It spans roughly 2,550 km (1,580 miles) long and reaches a maximum known depth of approximately 10,935 metres (35,876 feet) at the Challenger Deep.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A lady calls Santa for repairing the door bell. But Santa doesn't turn up for 4 days. So the lady calls again. Santa replies: I'm coming daily since 4 days... I press the bell but no one comes out!!

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VOICE OF THE READER

Tortoises under threat atop Chamundi Hill

Ecosystem facing rising traffic and habitat pressure

Sir,

It is a well-known fact that Chamundi Hill is a precious piece of wilderness nestled in the bustling city of Mysuru. It hosts an exceptional variety of flora and fauna, thriving on the rich vegetation in the region.

On May 31, we (Jagadish, Nagaraju and I) sighted a tortoise, roughly measuring about 18" from head to toe *(see photos)*. It was camouflaged in the midst of dried, wet leaves and twigs on the narrow strip between the road and the parapet wall.

The smooth, darkened shell and sturdy feet of the tortoise gave us the impression that it was quite old. In order to save it from being run over by vehicles, we carefully moved it to storm-water drain below the culvert.

The next day, I was horrified to see a dead tortoise. This was a juvenile one, roughly 7" head to toe *(see photo)*. It had not been as lucky as the one sighted the day before, as it was crushed under the tyres of a moving vehicle.

Of late, the number of noisy vehicles on the road between Nandi Statue and Uttanahalli has increased multifold and rash driving has become the norm for most drivers. They keep honking all the way while driving, disturbing walkers and fauna around.

During our morning walks, fresh carcasses of trampled slugs, frogs, rare insects, invertebrates, centipedes, snake hatchlings, exotic chameleons and other hapless creatures are now commonplace on the road.

It is high time that necessary steps are taken by the authorities, primarily the Forest Department, to ensure the conservation of the fragile ecosystem in this hill. Strict speed limits and no-horn zones need to be enforced at crucial points, along with hefty fines for violations that disturb the ecosystem.

With the ambitious plans for "development" of this religious site as a tourist spot, more harm is being inflicted on the fragile ecosystem as a whole.

— Deepak Anandram

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MOF to host talk on 'How Old is Bangalore?' tomorrow

Udaya Kumar

Mysuru, June 6- Mysore Open Forum (MOF) has organised a talk on *'How Old is Bangalore? - A City Read Through Its Stones'* by P. L. Udaya Kumar, Heritage Conservationist and Project Director (Hon.), The Mythic Society, at 10.30 am on June 7 at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, Mysuru [Mob: 9449819536].

P. L. Udaya Kumar is a prominent heritage conservationist, independent researcher and Honorary Director of Bengaluru Inscriptions 3D Digital Conservation Project at Mythic Society.

Often dubbed Bengaluru's "accidental historian" and "inscription hunter," he transitioned from a successful engineering career to dedicate his life to discovering, digitally scanning and preserving ancient stone inscriptions. With a Master's Degree in Engineering Mechanics from IIT Madras, he has applied his corporate and technology background to create a fast, accurate and accessible method for decoding and cataloguing irreplaceable local heritage.

Udaya Kumar will talk about the various epigraphical stone inscriptions available in Bengaluru which will reveal the history, growth and culture of Bengaluru over the years.

The talk is open to all.

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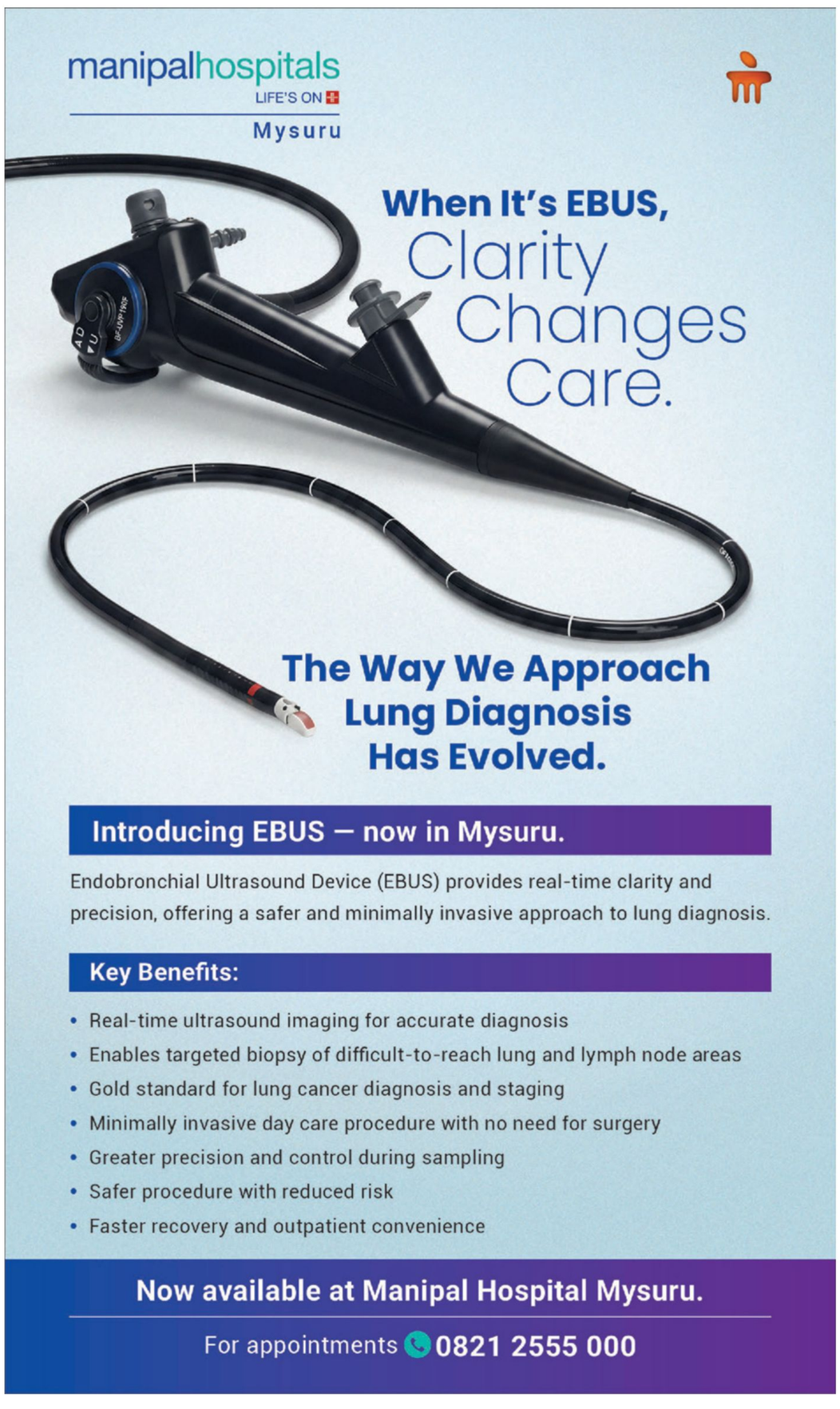
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NEWS BRIEFS

Essay writing competition

As part of 12th International Day of Yoga, which is being celebrated with the theme 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing,' city's Government Nature Cure and Yoga Medical College, located in Brindavan Extension, KRS Road, has organised an essay competition on Yoga for members of the public. The competition has been organised in order to create public awareness on the benefits of Yoga. Interested members of the public can send their essay by e-mail to: ***gncpublicidy2026@gmail.com,*** before June 12. For details, contact Mob: 90196-83102.

Ph.D awardees

Harisha Gowda has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for his thesis 'H.S. Ramachandregowda Avara Sahitya' [Guide: Dr. H.T. Venkateshamurthy].

S. Arunakumari has been awarded Ph.D in English by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Nature Society Conflict: An Ecocritical Study of the Selected Novels of Mahasweta Devi and Nadine Gordimer' [Guide: Dr. P. Venkatesh].

P.K. Sareena has been awarded Ph.D in Geography by the University of Mysore for her thesis 'Impact of Urbanization on Wetland and its Implications on Urban Flood: A Case Study of Kozhikode City and its Suburbs, Kerala' [Guide: Dr. P. Jayashree].

Obituary

T.M. Gowramma

Mysuru, June 6- T.M. Gowramma (79), wife of late M. Thibbaiah (retired EE) and a resident of Vinaya Marga in Siddarthanagar, passed away here yesterday.

She leaves behind her four sons (M.T. Vijaykumar, M.T. Rajkumar, M.T. Ravindra and Dr. M.T. Mahesh) and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

KRS party alleges corruption at CESC tuning up to crores

Former MD Munigopal Raju accused of flouting norms to favour his son's firm

Mysuru, June 6 (GA&VNS)- Karnataka Rashtra Samithi (KRS) Party, alleging fraud tuning up to crores of rupees at Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), has written letters to the Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka and other senior officials to initiate action against those involved, said KRS Party State Organising Secretary Ravikumar yesterday.

Addressing the media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city, Ravikumar said that the party would soon also file a complaint with Lokayukta adding that while CESC had failed to provide quality electrical converters and electricity supply for the farmers and general public, it had been increasing the tariffs every year citing losses.

"The CESC officials have also colluded with private electrical contractors in systematically looting the tax amount. According to Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurements (KTPP) Act, 1999, it is mandatory to invite tender through State e-Procurement portal for any purchases to be made above Rs. 5 lakh. However, the senior officials at the CESC, violating the norms, have purchased 2,693 electrical converters worth crores of rupees from eight different private companies," Ravikumar alleged.

KRS Party State Organising Secretary Ravikumar *(second from left)* ***addressing media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city yesterday as others look on.***

Further, the KRS Party has accused K.M. Munigopal Raju, former Managing Director (MD) of CESC, of flouting the rules and regulations to award the tender for supply of electrical converters to Aadhya Group, owned by K.M. Supreeth Raj, son of Munigopal Raju.

They also alleged that Munigopal Raju has submitted a false written statement to Lokayukta Investigating Officer stating that he had no connection with Aadhya Group. "However, in one of the official agreement, Supreeth Raj has clearing mentioned Munigopal Raju as his father for which J. Honnamma, Munigopal Raju's wife, has signed as a witness," said Ravikumar, who claimed to have the documentary evidence.

Ravikumar also alleged that administrative machineries and officials transfer had been used for smooth passing of the bills for purchases done violating rules. "Despite a rule that no prompt officials should be transferred during Dasara, Anitha (Executive Engineer) was transferred from N.R. Mohalla Division to Kollegal Division for a period of three months (20.7.2024 to 23.10.2024). Following the passing of bills illegally, she was transferred back to the original place. Similarly, an officer named Pradeep was stopped from reporting to the duty for a period of two months in Chamarajanagar and in his place J. Ramachandra, a close associate of Munigopal Raju, was brought in temporarily for passing the bills and illegally transferring crores of rupees," he said.

The KRS Party, which has demanded action against those involved in corruption and cancellation of purchases done against the norms, has also alleged that the officials had been given costly gifts during a private farewell event to Munigopal Raju, who has been accused of corruption.

Nagaraju, Ravindra and Ravi were present at the press meet.

Munigopal Raju refutes allegations

Former CESC MD K.M. Munigopal Raju has refuted the allegations stating that as the CESC MD he had executed the works, including the purchases of electrical converters, by inviting tenders and approvals from the Department without violating any rules. "The documents related to the works and purchases of electrical converters are available at the CESC Head Office. The allegations made against me by KRS Party are baseless and far from truth," he added.

96% voter mapping done under SIR: DC

BLO home visits: June 30-July 29; Draft voter roll: Aug. 5; Claims/ objections: Aug. 5-Sept. 4; Final electoral roll: Oct. 7

Mysuru, June 6 (BS)- Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy said, the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls is underway in Mysuru district in line with Election Commission directions, with 96 percent voter mapping already completed.

Chairing a meeting with representatives of political parties at his office auditorium in Mysuru on June 4, the DC said that the SIR schedule has been fixed, with key preparatory work, training and publication of rolls to be completed between June 20 and June 29.

He said, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will carry out house-to-house visits from June 30 to July 29 to distribute enumeration forms to voters. The filled-in forms can be submitted till July 29, after which rationalisation of the rolls will be taken up on the same day. The draft electoral roll will be published on Aug. 5.

Claims and objections, if any, can be filed between Aug. 5 and Sept. 4, and the final electoral roll will be published on Oct. 7.

Furnish accurate details

The Deputy Commissioner urged voters to furnish accurate details along with signatures in the enumeration forms, including information on deceased voters and migrants. He warned that furnishing false information would attract punitive action.

Stating that the process is being conducted transparently, he said that the objective is to ensure eligible citizens are not deprived of their right to vote while also preventing duplication by ensuring voters are enrolled at only one place. He added that names will be removed from the rolls only after due verification at multiple levels.

Reddy said that the electoral roll of 2022 will be used as the base for comparison with the 2025 roll for mapping purposes. So far, 96 percent of voters have been identified and matched with household data.

House-to-house verification exercise

He also urged political parties to appoint booth-level agents and coordinate with BLOs during the house-to-house verification exercise. BLOs will visit each household at least three times to distribute and collect enumeration forms duly signed by voters, he said.

He cautioned that failure to submit the forms could lead to deletion of names from the electoral roll.

Explaining the inclusion process, he said new eligible voters will be added if the family head is already on the list. In cases of migration or marriage, inclusion will depend on verification of previous records and linkage with earlier electoral rolls, subject to submission of valid documents.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) R. Aishwarya and representatives of political parties were present.

MDA approves plans of 140 private layouts

Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, who is also the MDA Chairman, chairing the meeting at MDA Office on JLB Road here yesterday as MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith and others look on.

Mysuru, June 6 (DM)- In a significant decision, the Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) has approved the layout plan maps of 140 private layouts in the city, factoring in planned urban expansion and future growth needs.

The decision was taken at an MDA meeting chaired by Deputy Commissioner and MDA Chairman G. Lakshmikanth Reddy at the Authority's Office on JLB Road in Mysuru yesterday.

The meeting also cleared proposals for civic and development works worth Rs. 131 crore. The projects include the construction of stormwater drains, the development of parks and traffic circles and the improvement of key road infrastructure across the city.

MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith said the works have been taken up based on representations from elected representatives and residents of MDA-approved layouts, who have been seeking better civic amenities and infrastructure facilities.

The meeting also decided to forward a proposal to the Government seeking clarity on the renewal of lease periods of Civic Amenities (CA) sites allotted by the MDA.

Officials said several private institutions, including educational institutions and hospitals, have been established on such CA sites, necessitating a policy decision on the future course of action.

The issue of applications seeking allotment of alternative sites also came up for discussion. It was decided that such applications will be examined individually only after clear MDA guidelines are framed in this regard.

Officials also noted that the Government has already issued directions to the Authority not to allot alternative sites for now.

MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif, City Planner Member Shivaramaiah, MCC Superintending Engineer C.S. Manju, MDA Secretary K. Johnson, member Sunil Kumar and other officials were present at the meeting.

Felicitation marks S.V. Gowdappa's 94th birthday at Elder Citizens Council

Mysuru-based engineer and architect H. Kishore Chandra and farmer from Vaddaragudi in K.R. Pet K. Madegowda were felicitated with the second annual S.V. Gowdappa Award to mark the 94th birthday of the Chairman of Elder Citizens' Council & Trust S.V. Gowdappa** (4th from left) **in city on June 1 in the presence of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Mysuru branch, Seer Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji and others.

Mysuru, June 6- The Elder Citizens Council and Trust, Mysuru, jointly felicitated its Chairman S.V. Gowdappa on the occasion of his 94th birthday at its Saraswathi Samudaya Bhavan in Jayalakshmipuram.

Gowdappa, being very active in all social forums, hails from Srirampura village near K.R. Nagar. He studied Engineering in Bengaluru and Davangere and later served the Government, including MUDA (now MDA).

After retirement, he became a member of Rotary and is into several social activities including construction of a Charity Hall for the poor at his native.

To mark his 94th birthday on June 1, Gowdappa himself felicitated H. Kishore Chandra, an Engineer & Architect from Chandra & Chandra Engineers & Architects, Mysuru and K. Madegowda, a progressive farmer from Vaddaragudi in Mandya district.

Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Mysuru branch, graced the event. Vice-President of Infosys Development Centre, Mysuru, Vinayaka Hegde was the chief guest. Dr. H.M. Nagaraju, Council President, presided.

K.S. Krishna, N.K. Ramachandre Gowda, K.V. Ramanath, Javare Gowda, Shridhar Nanjaiah, V.N. Achar Venkateshaiah and others were present.

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Vikram Muthanna

Mysuru: From Heritage City to TRANSIT CITY?

The organising team of Mysore Travel Mart-2026 (MTM-2026).

The rush to see the Mysore Palace and leave.

This morning, I took part in a panel discussion on media and tourism at ***Mysore Travel Mart-2026,*** organised by the Mysore Travels Association.

GRS Fantasy Park was the principal sponsor and NOT the Karnataka Tourism Department. The Department sponsored nothing.

That absence said a great deal. It seems the task of promoting Mysuru appears to have been left largely to local travel agents, hoteliers and entrepreneurs. The Government, which should be leading this effort, seems content to watch from the sidelines.

One is left wondering whether Karnataka's policymakers are serious about making Mysuru a global tourism destination.

For decades, Mysuru wore the crown of a *'royal city'.* Later, it came to be known as a *'heritage city'.* Today, there is a real danger that it may become something far less distinguished: A transit city, a place tourists pass through, rather than stay in.

Increasingly, visitors use Mysuru as a brief stop between Bengaluru, Kodagu, Bandipur, Kabini and Wayanad.

They see the Palace, take a few photographs and move on. The city is becoming a waypoint rather than a destination.

Part of the problem is that many of Mysuru's marquee attractions are losing their pull. The Palace remains magnificent, but it no longer carries the international aura it once did.

The Brindavan Gardens have visibly declined. Museums are poorly curated and inadequately marketed.

Dasara, instead of evolving into a globally recognised cultural festival, increasingly feels like a local *jathra* rather than a festival of international standard.

As a result, the tourist profile has changed. The high-spending international visitor who once stayed several nights in Mysuru is becoming increasingly rare.

Yet even as core attractions struggle, successive Governments continue to announce questionable projects.

We have had plans for a robotic park, an aquarium now abandoned, a giant wheel atop Chamundi Hill and other projects that are headline-friendly but with little long-term value.

A few years ago, more than Rs. 20 lakh was spent on a so-called *'heritage photo museum'* inside Town Hall. Within days of its inauguration, it shut down. Later it became an Aadhaar centre and eventually closed altogether.

Similarly, among the most misguided proposals was a park filled with replicas of tourist attractions from across Karnataka, supposedly to showcase the State's cultural and tourism wealth.

The idea was baffling then and remains baffling even now, 10 years later.

Why spend public money telling tourists about Karnataka after they have already arrived in Karnataka? Promotion should happen before the journey, when travellers are deciding where to go and not after they have already entered the State.

This park project was expected to cost around Rs. 6 crore while generating revenue through an entry fee of just Rs. 10.

Imagine if even a fraction of that money had been spent on serious international tourism promotion instead.

I saw the contrast clearly at the World Travel Market in London some years ago.

Karnataka's pavilion was modest and forgettable. The main attraction was a *Yakshagana* performer. Kerala and Rajasthan, by contrast, showed what serious tourism marketing looks like.

Kerala's stall used immersive hospitality experiences to command attention. They even placed a life-size houseboat in the middle of their pavilion. Rajasthan's stall, on the other hand, resembled a miniature palace and was staffed by representatives actively engaging international travel operators.

Both were vibrant, memorable and crowded but Karnataka's stall was quiet.

Attracting high-value tourists is not just about having attractions, it is about packaging, promotion and presentation.

Closer home, Mysuru's challenge is compounded by a culture of endless projects and perpetual *'development'.*

Instead of chasing gimmicky projects with an eye on kickbacks, why not invest in making Dasara truly world-class? Why not improve museums and build spaces that encourage tourists to stay longer?

Every additional day a tourist spends in Mysuru means more business for hotels, restaurants, transport operators, guides and local shops.

Mysuru's tourism problem is not a lack of history, culture or beauty. Few Indian cities possess what it already has. The problem is complacency.

For too long, we have assumed tourists will keep coming simply because Mysuru has a Palace, a glorious past and a famous festival.

Tourism no longer works that way. Destinations across India and the world compete aggressively for visitors, investment and attention. Mysuru must do the same. To do that...

The city needs cleaner streets, greener public spaces, restored heritage structures, better museums, stronger international marketing and a tourism strategy that goes beyond announcing headline-grabbing but unviable projects.

Most of all, it needs political will and administrative vision, both currently in short supply.

If we continue on this path, Mysuru will be admired more in memory than experienced in reality: A grand old destination reduced to a brief stopover on the way elsewhere and that would be a tragedy.

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Match tourism promises with better facilities, Govt. told

Experts bat for sustainable tourism at Mysore Travel Mart panel discussion

University of Mysore (UoM) Registrar M.K. Savitha inaugurating the panel discussions at the Mysore Travel Mart-2026 (MTM-2026) at Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture in Vijayanagar here this morning. Others seen are *(from left)* ***Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry President K.B. Lingaraju; Chairman of UoM's Department of Journalism and Mass Communication Dr. M.S. Sapna; Chairman of GSS Group Srihari Dwaraknath; former Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President M. Rajendra; former President of Karnataka Tourism Forum Ravi Menon;*** *Star of Mysore* ***and*** *Mysuru Mithra* ***Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna; MTM-2026 Chairman C.A. Jayakumar and Mysore Travels Association President B.S. Prashanth.***

Mysuru, June 6 (BLU&BCT)- A session on 'Tourism and Journalism' was organised on the second day of the fifth edition of Mysore Travel Mart (MTM-2026) at the Jagannatha Centre for Art & Culture (JCAC) auditorium in Vijayanagar this morning, with speakers highlighting tourism's role in economic growth, cultural preservation and sustainable development.

The event is being jointly organised by the Mysore Travels Association (MTA) and the Karnataka Tourism Department.

Addressing the gathering, University of Mysore Registrar M.K. Savitha said tourism today is much more than a leisure activity and has emerged as a key pillar of India's economy and identity.

Citing Mysuru as a model destination that successfully blends heritage with modern tourism opportunities, she said the city has expanded beyond iconic attractions to embrace wellness, yoga, eco-tourism, wildlife and culinary tourism.

"Mysuru attracts nearly 28,000 international yoga learners every year, strengthening its reputation as a global wellness tourism destination," she said.

She urged stakeholders, including tour operators, hoteliers, event organisers and technology partners, to act as ambassadors of destinations and creators of memorable travel experiences. She also stressed the importance of sustainable tourism, environmental conservation and heritage preservation.

Growing influence of social media

MTA President B.S. Prashanth spoke about the growing influence of social media, particularly among students and young travellers. He said platforms such as Instagram and Facebook have become powerful tools for destination promotion and should be effectively leveraged to showcase Mysuru.

"Social media should be used as a powerful tool to promote Mysuru positively," he said, adding that the rich legacy left behind by the Wadiyars must be preserved and built upon.

Better infrastructure

Star of Mysore and *Mysuru Mithra* Managing Editor Vikram Muthanna said tourism is not merely about tourist attractions but also about employment generation and economic development.

Describing tourism as vital to Mysuru's growth, he stressed the need for quality infrastructure, including safe drinking water, well-maintained roads and better civic amenities.

"Tourism is important to the health of Mysuru city. If guests come to our home and we are unable to offer proper hospitality, they will go elsewhere. The same principle applies to tourism," he remarked.

He also cautioned against overpromising destinations through publicity campaigns.

"If expectations are raised but facilities fail to match them, negative publicity spreads much faster," he said, urging authorities to ensure infrastructure and services keep pace with promotional efforts.

President of MCCI K.B. Lingaraju, Chairman of GSS Group Srihari Dwaraknath, Prof. M.S. Sapna, Chairman of Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Mysore, MTM-2026 Chairman C.A. Jayakumar, former Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President and Karnataka Pradesh Hotel and Restaurants' Association President M. Rajendra and others were present.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi makes the cut into Indian squad

Mumbai, June 6 (Agencies)- Fifteen-year-old young sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who won the Orange Cap and Most Valuable Player awards among others in the recently concluded Indian Premier League (IPL), was selected to Indian Senior Men's T20 team for the upcoming series against Ireland, England and Asian Games 2026 to be held in Japan.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi

The teams were announced by Chief Selector Ajit Agarkar at Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) head quarters here this morning.

Representing Rajasthan Royals (RR) in the IPL, Vaibhav scored an incredible 776 runs at a strike-rate of 237.3 in the tournament. Vaibhav will become the youngest Indian cricketer to play international cricket.

It may be recalled that Sachin Tendulkar was youngest to debut for India at the age of 16 years and 207 days and Washington Sundar was the youngest T20 debutant at 18 year and 80 days.

Meanwhile, the selectors have dropped Suryakumar Yadav from the team, who has been replaced with Shreyas Iyer as the Captain.

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My client M/s. Karnataka Bank Ltd., Sankranthi Circle Branch, Mysore intends to lend the mortgage loan to the below mentioned "Schedule property" of Vishnumurthy Sushrutha Hedna, S/o. Vishnumurthy Hedna Chinnappa Gowda, aged about 52 years, a resident of No. 304, Sanmarga, Siddhartha Nagara, II Stage, Mysore. Originally the Schedule property was allotted to Bhimayya T.M, S/o. T.V. Madappa by MUDA, Mysore under a allotment letter dated: 8-3-1999, Later on the MUDA, Mysore has placed him in possession vide possession certificate dated: 15-5-2001 and the MUDA, Mysore on 8-5-2001 has executed a registered Lease cum sale agreement in favour of Bhimayya T.M, and the same was registered as document number 854 at pages 159 in volume number 5262 of Book I before the office of the Sub registrar, Mysore South, Mysore. Later on the MUDA, Mysore has mutated the khatha in the name of Bhimayya T.M, vide order dated : 17-5-2001, and on 16-7-2008 the MUDA, Mysore has rectified the Lease cum sale agreement by correcting the Eastern side of boundary site number of the Schedule Property and the same was registered as document number MDA-1-01793-2008-09 stored in CD number MDA-1-01793-2008-09, and on 16-7-2008 the MUDA, Mysore has executed a registered Title deed of the Schedule property in favour of Bhimayya T.M, and the same was registered as document number MDA-1-01822 2008-09 stored in CD number MDAD23 of Book I before the office of the Additional District registrar, MUDA complex, Mysore. On 21-5-2016 Bhimayya T.M, has sold the Schedule Property in favour of Abdul Haleem Khan, S/o. Abdul Azeez Khan a resident of Dawood Khan Street, Lashkar Mohalla, Mysore and the same was registered as document number MYS-1-04784-2020-21 stored in CD number MYSD797 of Book I before the office of the Sub registrar, Mysore South, Mysore. On 18-1-2021 Bhimayya T.M, has executed a registered rectification deed rectifying the Eastern side boundary as 4004 R instead of 4004 Q and the same was registered as document number MYS-1-07504-2020-21. On 23-10-2020 Abdul Haleem Khan has sold the Schedule property in favour of Vishnumurthy Sushrutha Hedna and the same was registered as document number MYS-1-04784-2020-21 stored in CD number MYSD797 of Book I before the office of the Sub registrar, Mysore South, Mysore.

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Mysuru needs long-term tourism vision: Minister Shekhawat

Union Minister for Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurating Mysore Travel Mart (MTM-2026) at JCAC yesterday as MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, Tourism Department Commissioner Dr. K.V. Trilok Chandra, Mysore Travels Association President B.S. Prashanth, MTM Chairman C.A. Jayakumar, Vice-President C. Narayanagowda, industrialist and philanthropist Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy and Baliga Investments MD Yogesh Dange look on. Picture right shows a section of audience.

Mysuru, June 6 (VVH&BCT)- Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said Mysuru should not remain just a city but must evolve into a central hub of South India's tourism industry.

He was speaking after inaugurating the fifth edition of the Mysore Travel Mart (MTM-2026), organised by the Mysore Travels Association in collaboration with the Karnataka Tourism Department, at the Jagannatha Centre for Art & Culture (JCAC) auditorium in Vijayanagar yesterday.

Minister Shekhawat said cities such as Jaipur, Udaipur and Agra have emerged as major tourism centres in North India due to sustained planning and focused development and Mysuru too requires a similar vision and long-term efforts to reach that stature.

He noted that during the Dasara festival, footfall at Mysore Palace even exceeds that of the Taj Mahal. However, he stressed that tourism growth should not be confined to festive seasons and must be sustained throughout the year.

More immersive experiences

At present, many visitors tend to complete sightseeing in a single day and leave, limiting the city's economic benefit, he said. To address this, he emphasised the need to encourage longer stays by offering more immersive experiences.

Shekhawat said today's travellers, particularly Gen-Z and Gen-Alpha, seek authentic and experiential tourism rather than just monuments. Mysuru, he said, must position itself as a destination offering cultural, culinary, spiritual, eco-tourism and recreational experiences.

While Dasara remains Mysuru's signature identity, he called for a year-round calendar of cultural events, food festivals, art programmes and experiential tourism initiatives to sustain visitor interest.

He added that Karnataka, with its heritage sites, wildlife, beaches and modern attractions, has the potential to position Mysuru, the State and the country as a global tourism destination.

South's tourism network

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, who also spoke on the occasion, described Mysuru as Karnataka's cultural capital and said it plays a key role as a foundation for South India's tourism network.

He highlighted the city's tangible and intangible heritage, including historic structures, lakes, natural landscapes and traditional practices. He also expressed concern over past neglect of heritage conservation, while noting that recent efforts have helped protect landmarks such as Devaraja Market and Lansdowne Building, which have also received judicial recognition.

On the occasion, a tourism book showcasing Mysuru's heritage and local information was released. JCAC Founder and noted industrialist and philanthropist Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Tourism Department Commissioner Dr. K.V. Trilok Chandra, Mysore Travels Association President B.S. Prashanth, Travel Mart Chairman C.A. Jayakumar, Vice-President C. Narayanagowda and Baliga Investments MD Yogesh Dange were present.

No leaders behind me: DKS sets tone on day one as CM

Mysuru, June 6 (BCT)- On his first day as Karnataka Chief Minister, D.K. Shivakumar (DKS) held a series of meetings with senior Government officials at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on June 4, issuing directions on administrative functioning and reviewing key issues.

Shortly after taking the oath, during a press interaction at Vidhana Soudha, the Chief Minister intervened to change the seating arrangement behind him, saying only designated officials should be present during official briefings.

He asked political leaders and others present behind him to vacate the area, stating that only authorised officers should be positioned in the background during media interactions, so that official briefings are not reduced to photo opportunities.

"Only officers should be behind me," he said, adding that no political leaders or unauthorised persons should be seated or standing behind him during press conferences.

At one point, he called out to his Media Secretary Thyagaraj and reiterated that only one or two officers were needed in the background, directing that the rest should move away.

Following his instructions, those seated behind him were seen getting up and leaving their positions as arrangements were quickly adjusted for the briefing.

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Mysuru, June 6- Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Mysuru Branch, conducted a scholarship distribution event on June 4, awarding scholarships to 442 students, under Malabar Charitable Trust. The total value of the scholarships amounted to Rs. 35.66 lakh.

Chief guests Dr. D.S. Prathima, Regional Joint Director, Mysuru, C.K. Bhavya, Director of RUDSETI Mysuru, P. Shivanna, Principal of Maharani's Women's College, Mysuru, Dr. S. Mutturaj, IQCA Co-ordinator, Maharani's Commerce College, Mysuru, S. Venkatesh, Co-ordinator of Scholarship Committee, Maharani's Commerce College, Mysuru, College Lecturers, students, parents and members of the management team were also present at the event, according to a press release from Gireesh, Asst. Marketing Manager, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, Mysuru.

Chamundi Hill Authority clarifies on Rs.50 entry ticket

Mysuru, June 6 (MTY&DM)- Following reports in a section of the press that the Chamundi Hill Development Authority has done away with Rs.50 entry ticket to the Hill temple, the Chamundeshwari Hill Development Authority (officially the Shree Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority) has clarified that the Rs. 50 entry ticket counter has been restarted after a brief halt due to technical reasons.

In a press release issued yesterday, the Authority Secretary M.J. Roopa said that the Rs.50 entry ticket to the Hill temple was temporarily halted due to technical reason. But during this period, a section of the media spread false news that Rs. 50 entry ticket has been scrapped which has inconvenienced the devotees. But after a brief period, the Rs.50 entry ticket counter has started functioning as usual, she said adding that devotees should not get confused over false reports.

Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 2026

City's NR Group picks its warriors during player auction

Seen in the picture are** (from left) **Aditi Ranga, NR Group Director Vishnu Ranga, Mysore Warriors Owner and NR Group Director Arjun Ranga, Mysore Warriors Head Coach Rx Muralidhar, Assistant Coach Vijay Madyalkar and Bowling Coach Aditya B. Sagar during the players' auction held at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru yesterday.

Mysuru, June 6 (VNS) - NR Group, owners of Mysore Warriors, have signed 18 players to represent the Mysore Warriors team at the 5th edition of Maharaja Trophy KSCA T20 2026 to be held between June 20 and July 12 at Mysuru, Hubballi and Bengaluru. The players were selected during the auction held at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru yesterday.

The Mysore Warriors 2026 squad brings together a strong blend of experienced professionals and promising young talent, forming a well-balanced unit for the upcoming season. The franchise made strategic and focused selections at the auction, strengthening key areas across batting, bowling and all-round capabilities.

The bidding process for the Warriors began with all-rounder Vyshak Vijaykumar, whose disciplined bowling and utility in pressure situations set the tone for the squad build-up. This was followed by the acquisition of ace pacer Prasidh Krishna, whose express pace and international experience bring significant firepower to the bowling attack.

In the batting unit, stylish top-order batter Devdutt Padikkal adds elegance, consistency and stability at the crease, anchoring the innings with composure. Strengthening the all-round core is Manoj Bhandage, whose impactful performances provide valuable depth in both the middle order and bowling department. L.R. Chethan, S.U. Karthik and other emerging talents further add depth and promise to the squad, ensuring a strong supporting unit around the core group.

Speaking on the occasion, Arjun Ranga, Owner, Mysore Warriors and Managing Director, Cycle Pure Agarbathi, said, "We are proud to continue building a strong and competitive team for the 2026 season. Mysore Warriors has always stood for excellence, discipline and nurturing young talent. With a balanced squad and strong leadership, we are confident of delivering another memorable season for our fans."

The players roped in during the auction are: Vyshak Vijaykumar, Prasidh M. Krishna, Devdutt Padikkal, Manoj Bhandage, L.R. Chethan, S.U. Karthik, K.P. Karthikeya, Monish Reddy, C. Sanjay Ashwin, S. Agastya, Yuvraj Arora, Likhit M. Bannur, Lavish Kaushal, Ritesh Bhatkal, Madhav Prakash Bajaj, Abhishek Prabhakar, Deepak Devadiga and E.J. Jasper.

Talent Hunt tomorrow

Meanwhile, the Mysore Warriors will conduct the talent hunt to select two players from catchment area for the upcoming Maharaja Trophy T20 2026. The talent hunt will be held at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri in city from 8 am on June 7.

The event will be held under the watchful eyes of Mysore Warriors Head Coach Rx Muralidhar and Assistant Coach Vijay Madyalkar. Mysore Warriors Owner Arjun Ranga will be present.

Registration is open to all KSCA-registered players aged above 17 years. Participants must carry their KSCA UID number as mandatory proof for registration.

For details contact Madhusudhan on Mob: 99860-24717 or Somashekar on Mob: 99005-45191.

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TOMORROW'S MATCHES (JUNE 7)

MEN'S SINGLES : FINALS

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1 Kateřina Siniaková & Taylor Townsend
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JSS announces UG results

Mysuru, June 6- JSS College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Ooty Road, Mysuru, has announced the results of Undergraduate (UG) II, IV and VI semester examinations held in May 2026.

The results are available in the UUCMS- Student Login. Last dates for re-totalling is June 9, photocopy - June 11 and re-valuation - June 16, according to a press release from Controller of Examination Dr. B. Prabhuswamy.

C. Krishniah Chetty Group's 4-day Jewellery Expo begins

Actor-model Roshini Prakash, who inaugurated the 4-day Jewellery Expo organised by C. Krishniah Chetty Group of Jewellers at Grand Mercure on Sayyaji Rao Road in city yesterday, is seen taking a look at the jewellery on display. The expo will be open between 10.30 am and 8 pm till June 8.

Dr. Vasundhara to the US

Mysuru, June 6- **Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy** is proceeding to the USA tomorrow (June 7) on invitations of various Cultural & Bharatanatya Schools — Srishti School of Dance (Washington), Kushi Dance School (New Jersey) and Vidushi Chandrika School of Dance (Kentucky, Louis Ville).

She will be conducting workshops, Lecture-Demonstrations and prepare students for her latest choreography 'Destiny,' based on a French Folk Tale.

She will also attend Rangapravesha of her disciple Vidushi Chandrika Srinivasan's student and will be giving performances at Chicago and Maryland. She will return to Mysuru in the third week of August, 2026.

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N.R. Narayana Murthy releases book

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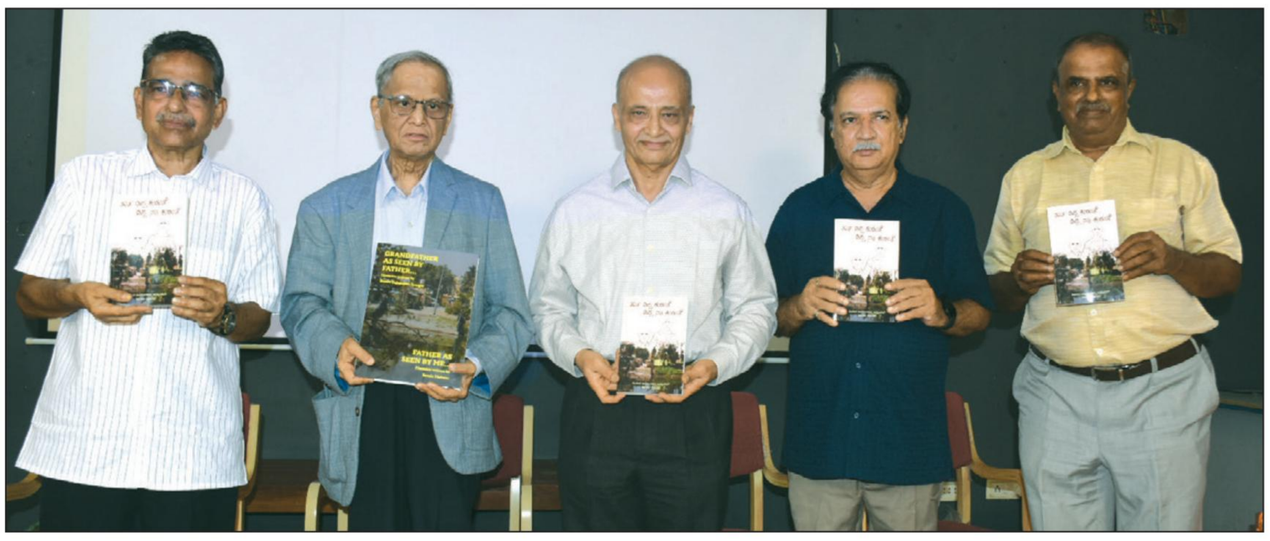

Padma Vibhushan ***Dr. N.R. Narayana Murthy*** *(second from left),* ***Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Infosys, seen releasing the commemorative book*** *'Thatha Appa Kandanthe... Appa Nanu Kandanthe,'* ***a special volume written and compiled by Sosale Mohana*** *(extreme right),* ***celebrating the lives of his father Sosale Rajagopala Iyengar and his grandfather Sosale Rangappa, at a programme held at Sri Chinnaswamy Memorial Hall of Sarada Vilas College of Pharmacy in city this morning. Others seen are*** *(from left)* ***Ramdas, son-in-law of Rajagopala Iyengar, Dr. B.M. Subraya, President of Sarada Vilas Educational Institutions and R. Dinesh, Secretary.***

K-CET results out

Mysuru, June 6 (KMS&DM)- The Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) has announced the results of Karnataka-Common Entrance Test (K-CET)-2026, for admission to Under-Graduate (UG) courses — Engineering, Technology, Agricultural Sciences, Nursing, Veterinary sciences, Pharmacy etc. — in professional colleges of Karnataka.

Announcing the results at the KEA office in Malleswaram, Bengaluru, this noon, Medical Education Minister Dr. Sharan Prakash Patil said that the K-CET was held on Apr. 23 and 24 at 745 centres across the State, for which 3,30,646 students had registered.

The KEA had announced the revised key answers on May 10, he said adding that grace marks were awarded for one question each in Physics and Chemistry, two answers for only one question in Biology and no grace marks in Mathematics.

Out of the 3,09,014 students who had appeared for the CET, 2,92,782 students are eligible for different courses. While 2,82,603 students are eligible for Engineering and Technology courses, 2,09,220 are eligible for B.Sc (Agriculture, Sericulture and Food Science), 2,12,909 are eligible for B.V.Sc, 2,86,609 for B-Pharma, 2,86,965 for Pharma-D, 2,18,785 for B.Sc Nursing, 2,12,730 for BNYS courses and 21,775 for Agriculture (Practical) and 21,838 for B.V.Sc (Practical).

No student from Mysuru figure in the top 10 rankings for Engineering, Veterinary Science, Farm Sciences (Agriculture, Sericulture, Forestry etc.), Nursing, Yoga and Naturopathy (BNYS), B-Pharma and Pharma-D courses, as per the results announced by the KEA.

Echo of inmate death at Madikeri Jail

DGP, IGP review security lapses; investigation on

Madikeri, June 6 (PS&BCT)- The investigation into the stabbing of an undertrial prisoner at Madikeri Central Jail has intensified, with senior prison officials conducting a detailed inspection of the facility yesterday.

Hemanth

Director General of Police (Prisons and Correctional Services) Alok Kumar and IGP (Southern Zone Prisons) Divyashree visited the jail and reviewed security arrangements, barrack management and operational procedures following the incident.

They questioned jail staff and undertrial prisoners housed in various barracks to gather information on the circumstances leading to the assault.

They also examined the scene of the attack, reviewed CCTV footage, verified duty rosters and collected details on inmate strength and classification from the Jail Superintendent.

An FIR has been registered in connection with the incident at Madikeri Rural Police Station. Alok Kumar reviewed the investigation with Station Officer Chandrashekar and Dy.SP Suraj, who briefed him on seized materials, ongoing inquiries and interrogation of the accused.

Describing the incident as regrettable, Alok Kumar said officials have been instructed to take preventive measures to avoid a recurrence and to improve overall prison conditions. He also stressed the importance of counselling, education and rehabilitation for inmates.

Departmental inquiry

Divyashree said the accused Rajesh allegedly attacked fellow undertrial Hemanth with a sharp weapon, inflicting grievous injuries. Hemanth was initially treated at Madikeri Hospital and later shifted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru, where he succumbed to injuries despite treatment.

She further said the incident indicated lapses in supervision and added that a departmental inquiry will be conducted, with action to follow based on the findings.

Officials also noted that around 45 percent of guard posts at the jail are currently vacant, with staffing levels at about 55 percent. The cold climate in Madikeri and the need for frequent emergency medical transfers have added to the workload of prison staff.

A proposal to fill vacant posts has already been submitted to the Government, the DGP said, adding that recruitment will be taken up once approvals are received.

MDA Comr. K.R. Rakshith to be Minister Dr. Yathindra's Personal Secy?

(Continued from page 1)

Star of Mysore had published a report yesterday under the title 'What's cooking at night in MDA?' highlighting the late-night office work at MDA on June 4.

According to sources, Rakshith oversaw the clearing of pending files and expedited several pending approvals, with documents being processed late into the night before he took charge as Dr. Yathindra's Personal Secretary. The activity reportedly involved department officials and other intermediaries.

When a reporter from *Star of Mysore* visited the MDA office late at night, the sudden presence of cameras reportedly confused those present, with some individuals leaving the premises.

The developments have once again drawn public attention to allegations surrounding the functioning of the Authority.

Critics say that despite the renaming of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) as MDA, concerns over irregularities in land-related processes persist, though there has been no official response to these allegations.

Nailed by a call

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A driver from another company who happened to pass by the spot informed Nagaraju's employer about the accident, following which the company alerted his family.

When Nagaraju's brother Venkatesh reached the spot, he noticed that the body was lying about five feet away from the vehicle, raising suspicions about the circumstances surrounding the death. As the exact cause of death was unclear, the Police launched a detailed investigation.

Missing phone leads Police to accused

Investigators first focused on tracing Nagaraju's mobile phone, which was missing from the accident scene.

Using CDR analysis, the Police examined calls and messages linked to the deceased's phone number. Records showed that messages had been received on Nagaraju's number at around 3.15 am, 7 am and 8.18 am on the day of the incident, while the International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number remained unchanged.

However, investigators found that a 40-second call had been made at around 5.30 pm using the same SIM card from a different mobile phone with a different IMEI number. The recipient of the call was identified as Hasina Bhanu, a resident of S.S. Nagar in Bannimantap. When questioned, she told the Police that she had returned a call received from her nephew, Mujahid Khan.

Accused confesses

Based on this lead, the Police took Khan into custody from his residence. During questioning, Khan admitted to calling his aunt using Nagaraju's SIM card. When the Police examined his mobile phone, they found that its IMEI number matched the device used to make the call.

Khan later confessed to stealing Nagaraju's belongings after coming across the accident scene.

According to the Police, Khan told investigators that he was returning home from his aunt's house at around 4.30 am on June 2 when he noticed a car with its headlights still on after it had crashed into the M-sand pile.

The act of crime

Curious, he approached the vehicle and saw a man seated in the driver's seat, still strapped in with a seat belt. The victim was bleeding from the nose and had foam-like fluid around his mouth.

Khan claimed he tried to wake the man, but received no response. He was unable to open the driver's side door, but managed to open the front passenger-side door. He then dragged Nagaraju out of the vehicle and placed him on the sand beside the road.

Police said Khan confessed to stealing Nagaraju's waist belt, mobile phone and two data cables before leaving the spot. While he kept the mobile phone, he allegedly hid the belt and cables in an abandoned house near a railway track.

Investigators said Khan removed Nagaraju's SIM card from the stolen phone and inserted it into his own handset. He later used the SIM card to call his aunt. This move ultimately led the Police to him.

While the Police have solved the theft angle, the mystery surrounding Nagaraju's death remains. Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, N.R. Police said they are awaiting the post-mortem findings to determine cause of death.

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Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (K) - 3 Shows

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Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (H)	(S-1)	8.45 am
	(S-3)	11 am, 4.40 pm, 9.50 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	(S-1)	11.20 am
Peddi (Te)	(S-1)	1.55 pm, 8.30 pm
	(S-4)	9.45 am, 4 pm
Peddi (K)	(S-2)	1 pm
Bandar (H)	(S-1)	5.40 pm; (S-2) 7 pm
Mango Pachcha (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 4.50 pm; (S-3) 7.35 pm
Mollywood Times (Ma)	(S-2)	10 pm
He Man & The Masters of Universe (E)	(S-3)	1.40 pm
	(S-4)	7.40 pm
Obsession (E)	(S-4)	1.35 pm, 10.30 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Mango Pachcha (K)	:	10.25 am, 12.25 pm, 7.45 pm
Alexander (K)	:	10.50 am
Peddi (K)	:	11 am, 2.30 pm, 7.45 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	12.35 pm, 4.10, 6 pm, 9.30 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.20 pm
Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (H)	:	2.25 pm, 5.05 pm, 9.45 pm
Parimala and Co (Ta)	:	3.50 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	6.30 pm
Mollywood Times (Ma)	:	9.20 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Peddi (Te)	:	9 am, 11.45 am, 3.45 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Peddi (K)	:	10.20 am, 6 pm
Peddi (H)	:	2.10 pm, 9.50 pm
Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (H)	:	9.05 am, 12.50 pm, 3.35 pm
		7.35 pm, 10.20 pm
Mango Pachcha (K)	:	9.05 am, 12.35 pm, 5.10 pm
		8 pm, 9.45 pm
He- Man and The Masters of The Universe (E)	:	10 am, 12.55 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Obsession (E)	:	10.15 am, 2.45 pm
		7.20 pm, 10.10 pm
Drishyam 3 (Ma)	:	11 am
Blast (Ta)	:	2.15 pm
Parimala and Co (Ta)	:	3.50 pm
Michael (E)	:	5.15 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Mango Pachcha (K)	:	9.55 am, 2.45 pm, 7.50 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	10 am, 1.50 pm
		5.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Peddi (K)	:	1.05 pm, 10 pm
Peddi (H)	:	10.30 pm
Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (H)	:	10.10 am, 11.50 am
		4.55 pm, 7.35 pm
He- Man and The Masters of The Universe (E)	:	1.40 pm, 7.25 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	4.55 pm
Mollywood Times (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JUNE 6)

SJCE-STEP and Mundhe Banni: Mundhe Banni Meet-up - Mysuru, RP Singhania Auditorium, JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), **4 pm to 7 pm.**

Mysore Travels Association (MTA), GRS Fantasy Park, Central Tourism Department, Karnataka Tourism Department, Mysore Hotel Owners Association and SKAL International Mysore: Mysore Travel Mart-2026, conferring of Mysuru Tourism Excellence Awards, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, SKAL International India President S.K. Sanjeev Mehra, Actress Roshni Prakash and SKAL International Mysuru President and MTM-2026 Chairman C.A. Jayakumar, chief guests, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Kathe Kelona Banni-935, story-telling by V. Pushpavathi, Teacher, Government Higher Primary School, Bogadi, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.** [Mob: 92435-81097]

Ganabharathi: Centenary celebrations of Prof. G.T. Narayana Rao (GTN), Dr. T.N. Nagarathna shares insights on the life and works of late Prof. G.T. Narayana Rao, Nadoja Dr. T.V. Venkatachala Sastry presides; Unique dance programme 'Pratibimba' by Vidu. Pratibha Ramaswamy and Vidu. Janani Murali based on poems of Dr. Da.Ra. Bendre, Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam: Adhika Masa, Vishnu Sahasranama Patana and Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram: Swami Paramahamsanandaji speaks on 'Disciples and devotees of Sri Ramakrishna' in English, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Rangabandi Malavalli, Dwijen Dinanath Arts Foundation & Chandini Foundation: Staging of play 'Nanna Dhwani' by A. Revathi, produced by Nugam Kalaikalam, directed by A. Mangai, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

Mysore English Theatre Forum: Staged Reading of English Play 'Meet the Neighbours' by John Peel, Kalpa Kshetra, # 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, **6.30 pm.**

Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust: Adhika Masa pujas, discourse on 'Anjananandanotsav - Sri Sundarakanda' by N.K. Ramasheshan, Sri Rama Mandira premises, Vinoba Road, Shivarampet, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Srinivasaswamy Temple, Tilak Nagar: Sri Srinivasaswamy Annual Mahotsava, Shayanotsava, Temple premises, **7 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JUNE 7)

Mysuru Yogis Trust and Govt. Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysuru: Sri Tirumale Krishnamacharya Memorial State-level Free Open Yogasana Competition-2026 and Written Yoga Quiz, Government Maharaja's Sanskrit College Principal Dr. P. Satyanarayana inaugurates, **9 am;** Mysore Yoga Tradition Photography Exhibition, Government Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Sayyaji Rao Road, **11 am.**

K.C. Nagar (Kempu Cheluvajammanni Nagar) Residents Welfare Association: Silver Jubilee celebrations, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar inaugurates the event and releases a souvenir, MLA T.S. Srivatsa and Kannada & Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy chief guests, Historian Dharmendra Kumar Arenahalli delivers the main address, Jayachamarajendra Road, K.C. Nagar, **10 am.**

Om Sri Sairam Samskruthika Kala Vedike, Bengaluru: Staging of play 'Kurukshetra,' Town Hall, **10 am.**

Karnataka Ursu Mahamandali Charitable (KUMC) Trust: Pratibha Puraskar presentation, Swami Sarvadayanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, inaugurates, Trust Hon. President M.L. Basavaraje Urs will be present, Yuvajanotsava programme led by Suma Urs; Retd. IAS Officer B.R. Jayaramaraje Urs speaks about Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Sri Krishna Temple auditorium, Gokulam, **10.30 am.**

Mysore Open Forum (MOF): Talk on 'How Old is Bangalore? - A City Read Through Its Stones' by P. L. Udaya Kumar, Heritage Conservationist and Project Director (Hon.), The Mythic Society, Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, #581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **10.30 am.** [Mob: 9449819536]

Bharani Art Gallery: Inauguration of 3-day Art Exhibition by ATI-Mysuru Joint Director Sadhana Ashok Pote; Unveiling of Co-founder late Sheela Kaverappa's portrait by former Rangayana Director Addanda Cariappa, Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal presides, **11 am;** Expo open to public, Gallery premises, 3rd Main, 6th Cross, Vivekananda Nagar, **up to 7 pm.**

Basava Samiti, Hebbal-Vijayanagar, Mysuru: Sharana Sangama-318, felicitation to Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha Mysuru City President K.S. Prakash and Mysuru Taluk President Kavi Basappa; Basava Samiti President H.V. Basavaraju (Hinkal) presides; Music programme by M. Mysore Mahalingam, Basava Balaga, CA Site-5, 11th Cross, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **11 am.**

Mysore Travels Association (MTA), GRS Fantasy Park, Central Tourism Department, Karnataka Tourism Department, Mysore Hotel Owners Association and SKAL International Mysore: Valedictory of Mysore Travel Mart-2026, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, Tanveer Sait and Anil Chikkamadu, Karnataka Tourism Society President Shyam Raju, Karnataka State Hotels Association President G.K. Shetty, Karnataka Tourism Commissioner Akram Pasha chief guests, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **5 pm.**

Gayana Sabha: Hindustani Classical Music Concert by Vidu. Shubhangi Jadhav, accompanied by Pt. Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Pt. Bhimashankar Bidanur on tabla, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru: Swami Yuktheshanandaji speaks on 'Srimate Sarada Devi' in Kannada, Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Sri Krishna Temple, Gokulam: Adhika Masa, Vishnu Sahasranama Patana, Discourse on 'Sri Krishna' by G.C. Puttaswamy, Prasada Viniyoga, Temple premises, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

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Rangavalli, Mysuru: Staging of detective comedy play 'Thatte Idli Raddhanta,' written and directed by senior Rangayana artist Mayasandra Krishnaprasad, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

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		6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
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Mango Pachcha (K)	:	10.15 am, 3.15 pm, 7.50 pm
Parimala and Co (Ta)	:	12.20 pm
Obsession (E)	:	12.50 pm, 5.25 pm, 7.05 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (H)	:	9.45 am, 4.30 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	10 am, 1.50 pm
		5.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Peddi (K)	:	12.40 pm, 4.30 pm, 10.30 pm
He- Man and The Masters of The Universe (E)	:	10.25 am, 7.15 pm
Mango Pachcha (K)	:	12.10 pm, 2.20 pm, 8.20 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	1.20 pm
Parimala and Co (Ta)	:	4.20 pm
Mollywood Times (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

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